

In the Specification:

Under the "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" section, please delete paragraphs 0011-0014 and add the following new paragraphs:

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--In one aspect, the present invention is directed to a group gaming method. The method comprises receiving wagers from a plurality of players at respective gaming machines, and determining outcomes of individual games played by the plurality of players at the respective gaming machines. The method also comprises displaying an image representative of a group game played by the plurality of players at the respective gaming machines, wherein the group game includes taking a first plurality of steps toward a first group goal, wherein each step of the first plurality of steps is attributable to any of the respective gaming machines of the plurality of players. The method further comprises, for each outcome from a first set of outcomes, displaying an image representative of taking one step of the first plurality of steps towards the first group goal, wherein the image representative of taking the one step of the first plurality of steps towards the first group goal includes a designation indicative of the respective gaming machine at which the outcome from the first set of outcomes was determined. The method still further comprises providing a value payout associated with the group game based on the outcomes of the individual games played by the plurality of players at the respective gaming machines.

In another aspect, the present invention is directed to another group gaming method. The method includes receiving wagers from a plurality of players at respective gaming machines, and determining outcomes of individual games played by the plurality of players at the respective gaming machines. The method also includes displaying an image representative of a group game played by the plurality of players at the respective gaming machines, wherein the image representative of the group game comprises a first plurality of cells corresponding to a first group goal, wherein each cell of the first plurality of cells is attributable to any of the respective gaming machines of the plurality of players. The method additionally includes, for each outcome from a first set of outcomes, designating a cell of the first plurality of cells with a designation indicative of the respective gaming machine at which the

outcome from the first set of outcomes was determined. The method further includes providing a value payout associated with the group game based on the outcomes of the individual games played by the plurality of players at the respective gaming machines.

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In yet another aspect, the present invention is directed to a group gaming system. The group gaming system comprises a plurality of gaming machines. Each gaming machine of the plurality of gaming machines includes a gaming machine controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to the processor. The gaming machine controller is configured to receive a respective wager from a respective player, and display a respective image representative of a respective individual game played by the respective player. The gaming machine controller is also configured to determine a respective outcome of the respective individual game, the respective outcome of the respective individual game from a plurality of possible outcomes, and provide at least a portion of a value payout associated with a group game. The system additionally comprises a display device comprising a display screen operatively coupled to a display device processor. The display device processor is configured to display an image representative of the group game played by the players at the plurality of gaming machines, wherein the group game includes taking a first plurality of steps toward a first group goal, wherein each step of the first plurality of steps is attributable to any of the gaming machines of the respective players. The display device processor is also configured to, for each outcome of the individual games from a first set of outcomes, display an image representative of taking one step of the first plurality of steps towards the first group goal, wherein the image representative of taking the one step of the first plurality of steps towards the first group goal includes a designation indicative of the gaming machine at which the outcome from the first set of outcomes was determined.

In still another aspect, the present invention is directed to a method of facilitating play of a group game. The method includes, in each of a plurality of plays of individual games played by a plurality of players at respective gaming machines, generating an outcome for the individual game, the outcome being one of a plurality of outcomes including at least one specific outcome. The method additionally includes displaying at least one group of cells, each cell in said at least one group of cells capable of being designated with a designator in response to any player of the

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plurality of players achieving the at least one specific outcome, wherein the designator indicates the gaming machine at which the at least one specific outcome was generated. The method further includes designating a cell of said at least one group of cells with the designator responsive to each occurrence of said at least one specific outcome.--
